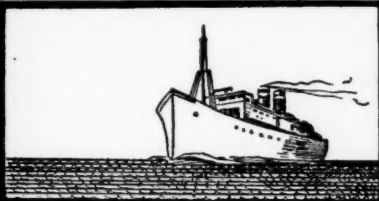


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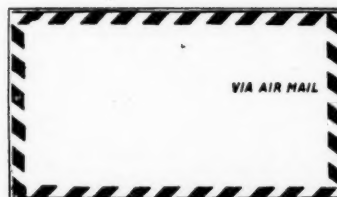
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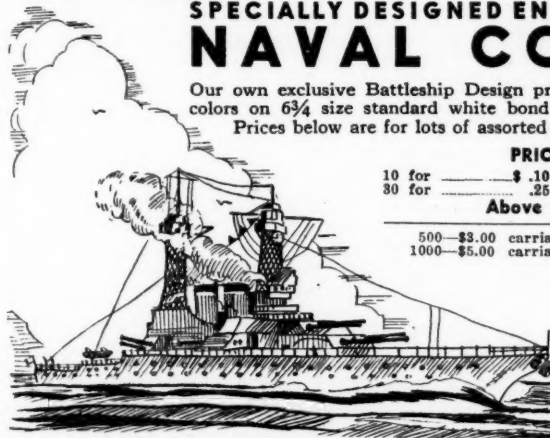
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While other business men have been grumbling about poor business, Linprint has been stepping right along toward a bigger and better business. Our business through the past three months has been excellent, perhaps the greatest falling off has been noticed in volume of advertising in the paper, but the reason for this is readily explained by the attitude of many stamp dealers who want to quit advertising the minute things begin to look bad for them, when as a matter of fact that is one time when they should give more close attention to their advertising. For our part, our business in other lines has shown a steady increase due wholly to our efforts to build it up rather than to worry about what the future is going to bring.

Right now we are doing some remodeling which will add about 600 square feet of floor space to our plant. This work consists of tearing out an automobile ramp at the rear corner of the building and closing it up and putting in new flooring and changing a stairway to the basement of the building. At a later date we hope to set a new press in this space.

Then we are adding to our space for our mail order department which has to do with stock and the mailing out of albums and supplies. An additional loft is being built which will give us much added floor space.

At the same time we are having made three large tables for our bindery and mailing room.

New equipment is also to be set in within a week or so. We are adding an automatic Dexter feeder to our cylinder press on which the paper is printed. This

## The Stamp Trade

A discussion of Stamp Collecting and Stamp Dealing from the Business angle by the Managing Editor.

GEORGE W. LINN

will speed up production on this press. We are putting in a new paper drill for punching holes, etc.

In addition to the above equipment and work which is under way, we are looking forward toward the addition of a new folding machine, a new saw trimmer machine and a mitering machine. After that we hope to get to the point where we can add a gang stitcher and last but not most costly of all a number 2 Kelley press for use on the paper.

This is a very extensive program and will mean the expenditure of close to \$10,000 when completed. We have hopes of seeing this accomplished within the next couple years.

While we did offer stock in the Corporation, but a very small amount has ever been sold. Such as has been sold has been in small lots of mostly one to four or five shares and the money obtained in this manner has not been of great help in re-equipping our plant. What we need is to dispose of a block of stock of about \$5000 in one lump, then we would be able to add all of the equipment we need at one time. Such a sale of stock would put us in excellent shape to step out and go ahead as we have been planning and we do not know of any investment that a man with capital could make that we believe would be any more safe than an investment in Linprint stock.

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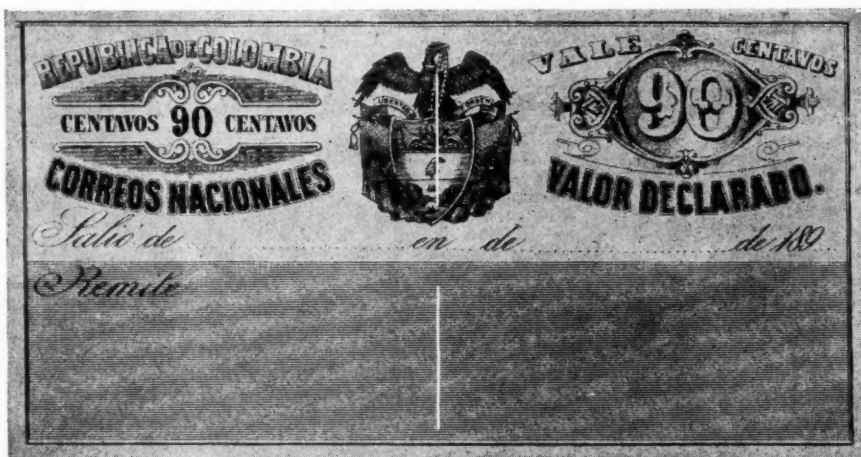
## The Largest and Smallest

By BOB RICHARDSON

THERE are several claimants to being the largest postage stamp and a number of others which have their supporters to the distinction of being the smallest stamp. Most of this confusion is the result of the various eligibles rarely making public appearances in each others company, especially as some are far from common stamps. In this article

added feature of a special pick-up of mail. To meet the needs of this service a stamp of design entirely different from anything issued before or since was prepared. These were not to be issued to individuals, only to the carriers. Wire-stitched at left end in books of 25, very similar in general appearance to a check book filler, each stamp measured 8 to 8½ inches in length and approximately

book; fifth portion at right end was given to the sender as a receipt; the fourth and smallest portion measuring about 1 by 2½ inches was pasted on the letter and remained there on delivery; the second and third portions accompanied the letter to destination, the third being signed by addressee, but there is some difference of opinion regarding its ultimate disposition. The second portion



we will ignore the stamped envelope stamps as few collectors include them in their foreign collections, it being generally agreed that its difficult to determine just where the stamp on some envelopes starts and stops. This article will limit itself to the adhesives.

The largest postage stamps from several viewpoints are the Chinese Express Letter stamps used from 1905 to 1916, unique in postal history in more ways than one with their peculiar form and manner of use. They might easily be the origin of that old saying about the heathen Chinese. In the early 1900s the Chinese Post Office suffered from the competition of private posts, these companies cutting considerably in the Imperial revenues by their speedier service, their runners picking up mail and delivering it much quicker than the government's service.

In 1905 the government established an Express Letter service similar to our present day Special Delivery with the

2½ inches high, being separated into four parts by roulette or perforation. The size varied as the stamps were printed in sheets of five, the cutting into books of singles causing some variation. The Republic issues (1912-1916) were a little larger and even more cumbersome in operation, measuring some 2½ inches by 9¾ inches, being divided into five portions of which two bore a design featuring a wild goose. All sections of the stamps were numbered, the five portions being used for these purposes: first portion at left end remained as stub in the

was returned to office of mailing as proof of delivery, and the third is believed to have been given to the sender as a sort of return receipt on payment of a fee of five cents, otherwise being kept at office of delivery for their records. This third portion had a form printed on the back with space to fill in time of receipt and for addressee signature. The chief difference between the Empire and Republic issues is that the former had no portion which remained on the letter when delivered.

Unused entire copies of these stamps have about the same status as unused postage due stamps of the United States, since it was forbidden to sell the stamps to anyone. Unquestionably the Express Letter stamps are postage stamps, the debatable point being just which portions or if all, should be collected. Since the sender when paying the ten cents, paid for the entire stamp, and as all the form was used to speed the letter, though somewhat differently than

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the accepted manner of postage stamp, the writer feels that the whole stamp is collectible. No other stamps were required on Express Letters unless the letter was overweight, they then paying that extra charge only. After 1916 these stamps became merely forms on a par with the receipts given in our country for registered letters, the postage paid being affixed to the letter in regular postage stamps. Though Chinese postal officials have stated they did not consider the Express Letter forms as stamps, they did say they used them as such and anything used as a postage stamp would seem to be one to our way of thinking.

Next largest in size among postal emissions are the Cubiertas of Colombia, termed Insured Letter stamps in Scott's. Cubierta as one of its literal translations means "cover" and with their huge size these stamps certainly did just that. First issued in 1865 they remained a peculiarity of the Colombian postal system until 1905. These are the largest adhesives ever issued since they measure, with slight variations, some 2 1/4 inches by 5 inches, the entire stamp being affixed to the letter, they being gummed for that purpose. They do not appear to have been issued other than as singles, always imperforate with approximate 1/4 inch margins. There are no indications that they ever paid the actual postage on letters, their purpose being to pay the insurance fee only. The large size was necessary to enable the sender to write in name of addressee, the contents and their value, sender's name, date etc. This broadcasting of information to any who chanced to see the letter proved a blessing to bandits and dishonest postal clerks for it was simple to pick out the valuable letters from mails passing through their hands. A traveler through the country at the turn of the century reported that for this reason the system was not popular, many persons finding their valuables were safer in ordinary mail. At first there were two kinds of these stamps, a 25c inscribed "sin contenido" which was for mail without declaration of value; the other "Con contenido" for mail on which the value was declared. The first was discontinued shortly afterward as it conflicted with the Registration service. In 1888 a set ranging in denominations from 5 centavos to 1 peso was put into use and though almost no information was given

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in contemporary papers, it seems the rate was changed from the blanket charge of 50c to a graduated one. The various federated states had their own cubiertas and the government had innumerable varieties for its own official mail.

The largest postage stamps ever issued, paying postage and used without any ifs or buts in their entirety are the United States 1865 issue of Newspaper and Periodical stamps. Just a fraction over 2 by 3 3/4 inches vertical rectangles, printed in sheets of 40 in three denominations, 5c, 10c and 25c, all perforated. These were brought into use by an attempt of the government to compete with the private express companies and others who handled much of the newspaper mail for publishers. These agencies accepted the bundles at railway stations and delivered them to news vendors at such points, thus speeding considerably the distribution of the papers and avoiding the delays if the bundles had to be taken to a post office at each point. These are also the only U. S. stamps to indicate on their face the law authorizing their issue, stating "Sec. 38, act of Congress approved March 3, 1863." This act stated in the section referred to: "The Postmaster General may from time to time provide by order the rates and terms upon which route agents may receive and deliver at the mail car or steamer, packages of newspapers and periodicals delivered to them for that purpose by the publishers, or any news agents in charge thereof, and not received from nor designed for delivery at any post office." First issued October 1, 1865, the stamps remained in use until about February 1, 1869, when the post office reverted to cash payments without the use of stamps. Much newspaper and periodical matter is even today delivered in the above manner and even larger quantities by the railroads and express companies outside the

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Most collectors (and not a few dealers) have vague and conflicting ideas of what is the smallest postage stamp. This is due to the smallest stamps having been issued so long ago by an obscure and hardly popular stamp issuing division.

To the state of Bolivar on the northern coast of the Republic of Colombia goes the honor for issuing the smallest postage stamps, honors which it has held by a wide margin (or should we say smaller?) since 1863. Until 1904 the various Colombian states issued their own stamps for their postal services which operated in connection with the national government's service, the latter being somewhat unreliable due to the continual civil warfare of the first fifty years of the republic. These stamps of

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Next smallest stamp is the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d Victoria, first issued in 1874 in a rose color, both on white and rose tinted paper. In February, 1901, it was re-issued in a bluish green and a few months later replaced with a new design which differed principally in the addition of the word "Postage" to the design. These small half-penny stamps were made approximately one-half the size of the normal one-penny stamps, resulting in their measuring  $\frac{7}{16}$  by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Closely following the half-penny Vic-

toria in size is the  $\frac{1}{4}$ c Spanish stamp first issued in 1872. It measures just a little under  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch square, being just a trifle larger in area than the Victoria. The first issue was in blue, varying considerably in shade. In 1873 the stamp appeared in green with the design changed so that the crown was a mural crown instead of the royal crown of Spain. In 1877 the original  $\frac{1}{4}$ c was re-issued in green though re-engraved and continued in use for the next forty years without change, and is believed to have been available for postage for an even longer period. These were, according to early catalogs, printed and issued in fours, though this appears to have been done as a matter of convenience as the stamps were generally used singly. All were imperforate.

Runner-up in smallest stamps are the 4-4 schilling stamps of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, a former German principality. These were printed so that quarters of the stamp could be so used if desired, but generally they were used as issued, complete in four sections. When perforated, the perforations were around the whole stamp, the quarters having to be cut apart.

The obvious disadvantages of small stamps has accounted for so few very small stamps and most governments have made their stamps as large as was convenient. The writer would be interested in hearing from collectors or dealers having any of the stamps mentioned in this article in sheets or on cover, that further data on them may be assembled, particularly as to their use and postal rates requiring them.

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## New Haven Stamp Asked

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## Rochester (N. Y.) Show

The Fourth Annual Rochester Hobby Show will be held March 21st to 26th at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, N. Y. Last year's show covered most of the space in the building and attracted 60,000 visitors.

## Soviet Agency "Liquidated"

The Soviet Philatelic Bureau has been closed and there is now a new organization for handling stamps in Russia. This new government monopoly is named the "V/O Mezhdunarodnaja Kniga" and supplies almost all Russian stamps since 1921 in quantities of 10, 100 or 1000 at prices having little relation to face value. —Philatelic Trader.

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Forgeries of the early Mexican issues used as bisects, etc., and of later surcharged issues down to the Amelia Earhart are being widely sold to tourists, one forger having already been imprisoned in Mexico City.

The Mexican Philatelic Agency has opened but since the clerks are not familiar with philatelic terms, the list of stamps available and stamps supplied is confusing and progress is necessarily slow.

—El Timbre Postal,  
—Correspondents.

## Speculator Commits Suicide

Well, you speculators are in worse than even we had thought! Stamps reports a Czech speculator committing suicide as a result of a poor speculation in the Czech Pressburg miniature sheet. The man lost around \$15,000.

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## Editor's Notebook

BY WAY  
OF CONTRAST

Stamp collectors soon learn not to judge the importance of an event by the number of stamps issued for it. Take the Irish, who for centuries, when not fighting among themselves, have been keeping the Emerald Isle in a gory state in repeated attempts to by sheer force of arms attain complete independence of the English. Last December 29th the country became a republic in fact, peacefully and without the slightest show of opposition either verbal or military from Britain. At last the objective that cost so much life and sorrow was attained! Seemingly here was one event that certainly would be celebrated postally in a great big way with portraits of Irish heroes and historic scenes galore. What a let-down to see two rather ordinary

stamps appear picturing a symbolic Eire and the Gaelic preface to the new constitution! No portraits of foolishly brave O'Hallorans, Danny Deever, etc.—nope just two more stamps which caused no rush at new issue counters. We just can't understand it. Perhaps the reason for these postal understatements of the gaining of independence is that the Irish just can't get any kick out of something attained peacefully. That must be it, for contrast this historic event with the twice as many stamps (in a miniature sheet too) to celebrate that most important event of Roumania's Crown Prince becoming a lieutenant in an army ranking umpteenth in the world's list of military forces. The moral is, never to think anything important because of the size and number of its commemorative stamps.

P.S. The office boy suggests that maybe the Irish were so busy fighting over what kind of stamps should be issued that they only had time to get out the two. It sounds most logical.

—R. R.

**NEW COLUMNS** This issue we add two new columns to our paper, in line with our policy of printing as much variety in stamp news as possible. One column is in deference to the collectors who like to keep up with the auctions and we propose for their benefit to list all coming auctions, provided, the auctioneers advise us of the coming sale in sufficient time for those reading the notice to procure catalogs. Generally dealers know at least three weeks before their sales the date and contents, and if they will advise us of this as soon as they know it themselves, both the dealer and reader will benefit. Since we may get a swarm of such listings we probably will only run a notice of each auction only once, which should be sufficient.

The other column entitled "U. S. Notes" will as the title implies consist of notes on the stamps of the U. S. and Possessions, past and present. Any items of interest pertaining to these issues will be welcome, plate varieties, questions, odd postmarks (but not of the made-to-order variety) and cancels. Many of you have asked for such items on U. S. and we hope to answer your requirements. We'll appreciate your cooperation.—R. R.

## No Naval News This Week

Mr. Horton, our Naval Columnist is in Boston for the naval enthusiasts get together of the Old Ironsides Chapter of the U. S. C. S. and could not prepare a column this week.

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Washington Column  
Temporarily Discontinued

We regret to announce due to illness and the fact that his regular newspaper work takes so much of his time, the resigning of our very capable Washington correspondent, Chas. A. Kenny. We hope to have another and equally on-the-toes writer for this column shortly, so watch for further announcement. Mr. Kenny has provided up-to-the-minute news on Washington philatelic matters for Linn's for quite a while and we are sorry to lose him.

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## The Illustration Bill and The New Regulations

We print here in its entirety the illustration bill recently passed by Congress. On February 17th, regulations as permitted in the bill were issued by the Secretary of the Treasury. These permit the illustration of United States stamps but not actual size of stamp. Illustrations must be three-quarters or one and one-half times the actual size of the stamps themselves.

A point brought out by this bill was that heretofore no regulation existed against illustration of canceled U. S. stamps, a fact not generally known. It is understood that there is no change in regulations regarding illustration of foreign stamps. Note that at any time the Secretary may issue new regulations and cancel any previously made, a fact viewed with uneasiness by publishers.

Gimbels, the New York department store, is believed to be the first to use the privilege, for the N. Y. Sunday Times of February 19th reproduced several U. S. in the firm's advertisement.

It is assumed that there is no change in rules for illustrating foreign stamps, which have in the past been illustrated in any size but with some defacing mark on the cut.

### AN ACT

To permit the printing of black-and-white illustrations of United States and foreign postage stamps for philatelic purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster General shall prepare, in such form and at such times as he shall deem advisable, and, upon his request, the Public Printer shall print as a public document to be sold by the Superintendent of Documents, illustrations in black and white of postage stamps of the United States, together with such descriptive, historical, and philatelic information with regard to such stamps as the Postmaster General may deem suitable: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the provisions of Section 52 of the Act of January 12, 1895 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 44, sec. 58), stereotype or electrotypes plates, or duplicates thereof, used in the publications authorized to be printed by this section shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of but shall remain the property of the United States: *And provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of the Copyright Act of March 4, 1909 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 17, sec. 7), or any other provision of law, copyright may be secured by the Postmaster General on behalf of the United States in the whole or any part of the publication authorized by this section.

SEC. 2. The Act of March 3, 1923 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 18, sec. 350), is amended to read as follows: "That (a) nothing in sections 161, 172, and 220 of the Criminal Code, as amended, or in any other provision of

law, shall be construed to forbid or prevent the printing, publishing, or importation, or the making or importation of the necessary plates for such printing or publishing, for philatelic purposes in articles, books, journals, newspapers, or albums (including the circulars or advertising literature of legitimate dealers in stamps or publishers of or dealers in philatelic or historical articles, books, journals, or albums), of black and white illustrations of—

"(1) foreign revenue stamps if from plates so defaced as to indicate that the illustrations are not adapted or intended for use as stamps;

"(2) foreign postage stamps; or

"(3) such portion of the border of a stamp of the United States as may be necessary to show minor distinctive features of the stamp so illustrated, but



all such illustrations shall be at least four times as large as the portion of the original United States stamp so illustrated.

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury, subject to the approval of the President, may, upon finding that no hindrance to the suppression of counterfeiting and no tendency to bring into disrepute any obligation or other security of the United States will result, by regulations, permit, to the extent and under such conditions as he may deem appropriate, the printing, publishing or importation or the making or importation of the necessary plates for such printing or publishing, for philatelic purposes in articles, books, journals, newspapers, or albums (including the circulars or advertising literature of legitimate dealers in stamps or publishers of or dealers in philatelic or historical articles, books, journals, or albums), of black and white illustrations of canceled or uncanceled United States postage stamps. The Secretary, subject to the approval of the President, may amend or repeal such regulations at any time. Such regulations, and any amendment or repeal thereof, shall become effective upon publication thereof in the Federal Register or upon such date as may be specified therein if later than the date of publication. All findings of

fact made hereunder shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to review."

SEC. 3. Section 147 of the Criminal Code is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and adding a comma and the following: "and canceled United States stamps."

SEC. 4. Section 172 of the Criminal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

"Except as to counterfeits, material, and apparatus referred to in the preceding paragraph, all articles and devices and any other thing whatsoever made, possessed, or in any manner used in violation of any of the provisions of chapter 7 or sections 205, 218, 219, or 220 of chapter 8 of the Criminal Code, or the Act of August 26, 1935 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 18, ch. 7, and secs. 328, 347, 348, 349, and 349a, ch. 8), as amended, or in respect to which a violation of any such provision has occurred, and all material or apparatus fitted or intended to be used, or that shall have been used in the making of such articles, devices, or other things, that shall be found in the possession of any person without authority from the Secretary of the Treasury or other proper officer to have the same, shall be taken possession of by any authorized agent of the Treasury Department and forfeited to the United States and disposed of in any manner the Secretary of the Treasury may direct. Whoever having the custody or control of any such articles, devices, or other things, material, or apparatus shall fail or refuse to surrender possession thereof upon request by any such authorized agent of the Treasury Department shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Whenever any person interested in any article, device, or other thing, or material or apparatus seized under this paragraph files with the Secretary of the Treasury, before the disposition thereof, a petition for the remission or mitigation of such forfeiture, the Secretary of the Treasury, if he finds that such forfeiture was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the petitioner to violate the law, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or the mitigation of such forfeiture, may remit or mitigate the same upon such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable and just."

Approved, January 27, 1938.

In the Federal Register, official journal of the United States Government, was published on February 17th the regulations for illustrating United States stamps, which follow:

REGULATIONS RELATING TO ILLUSTRATIONS OF UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

Treasury Department  
Office of the Secretary.

Section 1. *Authority for regulations.* These regulations are issued under authority of section 2 (B) of the Act of Congress of January 27, 1938, entitled "An Act to permit the printing of black and white illustrations of United States and foreign postage stamps for philatelic purposes."

Section 2. *Finding of fact.* The Secretary of the Treasury with the approval of the President, finds that no hindrance to the suppression of counterfeiting and no tendency to bring into disrepute any obligation or other security of the United States will result from the issuance of these regulations.

Section 3. *Illustrations permitted.* The printing, publishing and importation and the making and importation of the necessary plates for such printing and publishing, for philatelic purposes in articles, books, journals, newspapers and albums (including the circulars and advertising literature of legitimate dealers in stamps and publishers of and dealers in philatelic and historical articles, books, journals and albums) of black and white illustrations of cancelled and uncanceled United States postage stamps are permitted, provided that such illustrations are of a size less than three-quarters or more than one and one-half, in linear dimensions, of each part of such stamp.

Section 4. *Repeal or amendment of regulations.* The regulations may be amended or repealed at any time, which amendment or repeal shall become effective upon publication thereof in the Federal Register or upon such date as may be specified therein, if later than the date of publication.

Section 5. *Effective date of regulations.* These regulations shall become effective upon publication thereof in the Federal Register.

(Signed) H. MORGENTHAU, JR.,  
Secretary of the Treasury.  
Approved February 14, 1938

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
The White House

### Lafayette Society Exhibits

The Lafayette Philatelic Society will hold its spring exhibit and bourse in the Memorial Union Building, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., on April 6th, starting at 11 A. M. Collectors of souvenir labels will be interested to hear that the Society is issuing souvenir labels in sheets of two stamps each, for sale at 5c per sheet at the exhibit. Mail orders at 10c for the first sheet, by addressing the Society at the Tippecanoe County Historical Museum, Lafayette Ind.

Just as the U. S. and Canada have both shown Niagara Falls on current stamps, Brazil and Argentina also show the international Iguassu Falls on current stamps.

### AUCTION CALENDAR

Under this heading we will list all coming auctions provided:—That catalogs or brief description of contents of sale are sent us early enough that the notice in this column will appear in sufficient time for readers to obtain catalogs. Dealers should write us immediately upon setting a date for a sale.

March 10—22nd Mail Sale. Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York City.

March 11-12—U. S., etc. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

March 14, 1938—U. S. Stamps and Covers, D. Blake Battles. 259 S. Balch St., Akron, Ohio.

March 18, 1938—"Mann" collection of U. S. and Possessions, Eugene Klein, 200 S. 13th St., Philadelphia, Penna.

### Ecuador Constitution Stamps

To the growing number of stamps issued to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the United States Constitution was added on February 14th seven regular postage and seven airmail stamps from Ecuador. Their appearance postponed repeatedly, the set is well worth the wait. The same size as the popular Honduras, these are almost its equal for beauty. All are inscribed "Commemorative of the Sesquicentennial of the adoption and promulgation of the Constitution of the United States of America. 1787-1789. 1937-1939." The postage design shows eagle and condor at left and right respectively in ovals; Liberty holding the flag of Ecuador in the foreground against a background of an Andean scene. The airmails have George Washington and the Ecuador coat of arms in large ovals in the upper corners with the central portion of the design showing an eagle holding the flags of the two republics in their natural colors. The denominations are 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, 1 sucre and 2 sucres in each set. Though supposedly issued on Feb. 14th, copies were in dealers' hands in the United States on the 15th.

### Zeppelin Flights To Be Resumed

The German Zeppelin operators expect to resume their trans-Atlantic flights in May with the new helium-inflated Zeppelin, now nearly completed. Collectors of Zeppelin covers and stamps can now dust off their albums and get ready to take up where things were left off when the Hindenburg was destroyed last year.

### E-Gypt Does It Again

Again the Egyptian post office has issued a stamp in all too obviously small quantities. On January 20th the 5 mills stamp commemorating the Wedding of King Farouk was placed on sale at Cairo. Since only 200,000 were printed and the face value was less than three cents, only five were sold to purchasers fortunate enough to get to the stamp windows. The result was a long line to the windows.—Philatelic Trader.

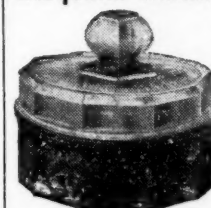
### 30,000 Penny Blacks Auctioned

In the course of a two day sale the first week of January, the firm of Harmer Rooke & Co. of London sold the American formed Williams collection of over 30,000 Penny Blacks. Average specimens brought 50c to \$1.25, while the price of £82/10 (about \$412) was realized for a rare plate variety. Completely reconstructed sheets sold for \$350 to \$450.—Philatelic Trader.

Canal Zone has discontinued the issuing of a 17c stamp, the denomination no longer being necessary. The Bureau of Posts, Balboa Heights, will supply a booklet on Canal Zone stamps to collectors, free on request.

As we understand the foreign situation, the other countries would prefer Herr Hitler to let them issue their stamps in peace.

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## CHANGE IN NUMBERING

The Feb. BEE lists the changes made in the forthcoming bureau catalog. They all concern the 1½c F. Face, 3c Stuart, and 4c Taft, both coil and sheet stamps. The reason they were not recorded in numerical order is that they were listed as they appeared and they did not appear in that order. The 1½c F. Face and 4c Taft appeared before the 3c Stuart. It was deemed advisable to make this change before the new issue appeared so that there would not be so much changing around all in one issue.

The stamps will be arranged in this order as sheet stamps:

B92 1½c FF  
B94 3c Stuart  
B95 4c Taft

and thus as coils:

B142 1½c FF  
B144 3c Stuart  
B145 4c Taft

It will be noted that there is but one change in the sheet stamp numbers, that in the 4c Taft, but in the coils the numbers are all changed around. Now the coil numbers end in the same digit as the sheet stamps. This carries out the numbering policy as used on previous issues. The BEE states that there also will be a table showing the corresponding Scott Catalog number for each Bureau Print catalog number.

## RAHWAY LOOT

In the Feb. 19th issue of Linns was the item mentioning the robbery of the Rahway office and stating that most of the loot was in the B-121 1c coils. Whoever informed Editor Richardson of the above fact was not entirely accurate. There is NO 121 coil from Rahway, so if the loot was of 1c coils they might have been the old 101s. However, the BEE states they were 140s or 1½c Front Face Harding coils which seems most probable. These are listed. WASH. U-16.

When the change of the city type plate was made last winter from the U-16 plate to the new double line U-17 it was stated that this was due to the fact the old U-16 plate was in bad shape. Some of the last appearing specimens seemed to bear this out. But now we have a new reason that the plate was changed. In the two previous plates used at the capitol city the name Washington was abbreviated this according to reports grieved certain users of precancels and some dignified officials. They felt that the fair name of Washington should not be slighted, they felt this to such an extent that now we have the new plate spelled in full.

NORTH CHICAGO, ILL.

I came upon an 8c current in a type that looked different to me. Checking up in the catalog I found that the cur-

rent plate had been damaged and the subjects used to replace the damaged ones had thicker bars. This checks up with the item I have. I also noted that North and Chicago are much closer together than in the original plate items. Vertical pairs from this plate showing both types on the one pair would be interesting pieces.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

In making lists of the popular U-17 electro Jacksonville, Ill., is always mentioned. To my way of thinking this U-17 from Jacksonville is not of the same family as most of the new U-17s mentioned. What I mean is this, this U-17 of Jacksonville is listed as far back as the 1932 catalog and perhaps is in older catalogs than that also, while all of the other U-17s are products of the past year or two, are outgrowths of the not any too successful U-121 metal handstamp types. I consider the U-17 of Jacksonville the pioneer of all U-17 types.

## NOTES.

What's became of the Precancel Star?—Editor Richardson handed me a 1c current item precancelled McVeytown, Pa., in U-121.—Miss Irma Fife of Jewett, Ohio, showed me current items from SCIO, Ohio, 1c U-122 and Cadiz, 1c and 1½c FF. in U-122.—Geo. C. Class sent me a current 1c from South Gate, Calif., in U-121.—Was called upon recently to pass my opinion on an 8c 1902 item from Erie, Pa., in type 7. I called it a ball when it should have been a strike and was I razed. A-wah, Awahha.

## A Diplomatic Postmark

When the time came to settle the question of wording for the postmarks for use at the post offices at the 1939 New York World's Fair, the Post Office Department found itself on the spot and a hot spot, too. The site of the Fair is within the city of Flushing, not New York. But the Fair was New York City's, not Flushing's. Flushing in the person of its congressman demanded the postal marking read "World's Fair Sta-

tion, Flushing, N. Y." while New York City alarmed at such attempted theft of the glory, demanded they be designated as a branch of the New York City post office. Not all the diplomats are in the State Department as can be noted by specimens of the postmark now in use. It reads "World's Fair Sta. N. Y." neatly sidestepping both Flushing and New York City!

## Scott's Lists Miniatures

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in their February Journal state their attitude toward miniature sheets. They announce they will continue to list all souvenir sheets under "Tentative Listings" only. They feel that collectors would object to the arbitrary censorship if not listed at all and state further "it seems to us that we can obtain the same ends toward discouraging organized exploitation, by posting souvenir sheets as things issued, but not of sufficient merit to be included in regular catalogue listings."

"Hints for the Beginner" is the title of the third in a series of small pamphlets by Wilfried Myers, 276 Poland Ave., Struthers, O. Copies of the 16 page pamphlet may be obtained at 10c each. As the title suggests it contains information for the new collector on the general points of stamp collecting, written clearly but briefly.

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A large dealer in New York who deals in United States only, stated if he had 500 copies of the Penny Black he could dispose of them over the counter in a few days. He might have something there, but if everyone starts speculating in this stamp—just remember the Coronations.

Gimbels Stamp Department has on display a unique set of Bicentennial covers, all addressed to President Hoover or members of his cabinet and signed by the person to whom it was sent. Gimbels was the first in New York to make use of the new regulations on illustrating stamps by portraying a plate strip of three No. 267 United States. This cut, 1 3/4 inches high and 3 3/4 inches wide, appeared in an advertisement in a New York newspaper on February 19th.

There has been a misunderstanding of my column of February 19th, no derogatory remarks having been intended towards Walter Scott. The veteran New York auctioneer is admired and re-

spected by all those who knew him and the writer is numbered among them.

Rushed by airmail, the new Constitution stamps from Ecuador have made their appearance on Nassau Street. These stamps have more than lived up to their advance notices. They are beautifully colored adhesives, net result being the initial supply didn't last long.

At a special meeting of the Collectors Club in New York six outstanding collections were exhibited, among them the famous Sir Nicholas Waterhouse collection of United States, considered by many to be the finest ever formed by a non-resident of this country.

Hurrah! Another striking miniature sheet appeared the other day in New York. This is the Panama Olympic sheet honoring the Central American Caribbean Games. Panama is to be complimented for issuing only one sheet of five values, instead of five sheets each with one value.

A number of dealers are trying to accumulate a stock of Morocco overprints (all except Edward VIII). The interesting factor is that they don't know where to get any. The dealers are cautious as to their reported scarcity. One thing, however, remains certain, by recent treaties Great Britain having relinquished post office rights in the French and Spanish Zones, no more will be issued for those. Hereafter, the only English overprint for Morocco will be those for the international zone of Tangier. These Morocco overprints command a higher price abroad, hence one can understand why there are no large wholesale stocks in this country.

## Hong Kong Uses Revenues For Dues

During the week prior to January 20th the British Colony of Hong Kong used 5c revenue stamps in lieu of 5c Postage Due Stamps, due to a shortage of the latter stamp. A. Dorby, Los Angeles, California, reports receiving some 20 covers indicating such provisional use. The provisional use was terminated on Jan. 20th.

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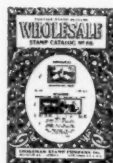
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## U. S. NOTES

Under this heading we will print notes on U. S. issues, past and present, and our readers are asked to submit interesting varieties or items. Be sure when requesting a reply to send a stamped envelope or card. Plate varieties will be listed but be sure the very minor spots, etc., are constant varieties before sending them in for listing. If a variety is identical on several sheets then it's a safe assertion it's constant. Commonly mistaken for plate varieties are the white spots occurring frequently on the rotary press stamps in the solid colored portions of the stamp, these being ink varieties of no value and differing on every stamp. A plate variety is generally in the color of the stamp, rather than colorless. Any items of interest on U. S. are welcome.

Frequent reference is made to the American flag on the Viking ship on the 5c Norse. A photograph was used of the replica ship sailed to the United States in 1893 for the Columbian Exposition. The following clipping of that time may be of interest:

"On July 12 the Viking arrived from Norway under command of Capt. Magnus Anderson, the builder of the strange boat, which was a reproduction of the ancient Norse war vessel, the Gokstad-fund. The feat of sailing the stanch little cockle-shell across the Atlantic after the manner of Lief Erikson's voyage of a thousand years ago, won for Capt. Anderson and his hardy crew well-merited praise. In an address of welcome Mr. I. K. Boyesen, representing the Norwegian citizens of Chicago, said:

"It is now 1,000 years since the vikings ruled the sea. They touched every known shore with their viking boats. Through courage and daring they carried terror to every land where they touched. They also took with them their love of liberty and left the impress of their institutions. Through their incursions into France and England the institutions of this country have derived many of the characteristics which prevailed among the vikings. The town meeting was carried by the Norsemen into England and by the puritans into this country. It is the same as the Norwegian 'folke mote.' The same physical energy, courage and pluck which the vikings showed applied to art, industry and civilization will produce as great effects in progress and development as in the days of battle-ax and sword in conquering countries and in winning battles. These same qualities have borne fruit in the civilization of the northwest, where the descendants of the vikings have applied their energies to the spade and the plow, the school-house and the home."

Postal Markings reports the best tracing paper they have tried to date is "K. & E. Popular Tracing Paper No. 179T-26" costing 5c a sheet. They state excellent results are obtained if "Crow-quill pens" of the better grade—Gillott's—are used with waterproof India ink. rooms papered with them. Now comes This may prove helpful to those of you who go in for making tracings of cancels etc.

The forgotten stamp of the United States is the 10c Orange Special Delivery stamp No. 1892 to complement the Columbian Exposition Commemorative Issue. Because the blue Special Delivery of the time conflicted with the color of the 1c and 4c Columbians the Post Office Dept. issued the stamp in orange during the year the Columbians were current. Though no change in design was made and therefore the stamp bears no indication of commemorating anything, it no doubt has a right to be placed with the Columbian series in our albums.

First appearance of an Indian on our stamps was on the \$60 Newspaper stamp of 1875. This is supposedly Minnehaha, the heroine of Longfellow's poem. The Post Office Department's official book issued last year simply describes the figure as an "Indian Maiden."

### 24c Inverted Center

The 1918 24c airmail stamp with inverted center is a perennial favorite for stories of its origin and a recent issue of Weekly Philatelic Gossip carries an article by the man who bought the only sheet, W. T. Robey. In general the article adds nothing to data available, except that the statistics are given for the first time in a direct manner. The old fallacy that these stamps were printed in sheets of 400 is brought in, though. The three 1918 airmails were printed from plates of 100, but since the sheets were generally trimmed on two sides to make them of a size to match the current stamps, most collectors assumed they were printed in sheets of 400. It is interesting to note that one eastern dealer has been threatening to tell the "true story" of this stamp and we await with interest his version.

A joint House resolution authorized the Post Office Department to issue a series of stamps for the Seventh Poultry Congress and Exposition, we read in the Washington Post. What next?

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ELSIE, MICH.